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SUBJECT: FAREWELL CALL ON NYERERE

1. I CALLED ON PRESIDENT NYERERE OCTOBER 4 TO PAY MY FAREWELLS. MEETING WAS AT HIS BEACHSIDE HOME, AND PRESIDENT WAS IN RELAXED AND JOVIAL MOOD. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HIS PERSONAL ASSISTANT, ESROM MARYOGO, AND BY DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MINISTRY EUROPE AND THE AMERICAS DIVISION, BERNARD MUGANDA. I TOOK ALONG EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER.

2. PRESIDENT WAS RESPONSIVE AND FORTHCOMING. CONVERSATION LASTED EXACTLY ONE HOUR.

3. I RAISED A NUMBER OF SPECIFIC BILATERAL ISSUES, WHICH WILL BE REPORTED SEPARATELY, INCLUDING COMPENSATION FOR NATIONALIZED AMERICAN PROPERTY, POLICE MISTREATMENT OF AMERICAN CITIZENS, AND THE
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QUESTIONS OF KOREA AND PUERTO RICO AT THE UNITED NATIONS.

4. ON US-TANZANIAN RELATIONS IN GENERAL, PRESIDENT REITERATED SEVERAL TIMES THAT QTE WE HAVE NO TANZANIAN REASONS FOR QUARRELING WITH THE UNITED STATES, UNQTE AND EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT QTE OUR RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES HAVE WARMED UP VERY MUCH UNQTE DURING MY TENURE AS AMBASSADOR, AND THAT QTE WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO INCREASE UNDERSTANDING UNQTE. NONETHELESS, HE NOTED SEVERAL TIMES THAT THERE EXISTED DIFFERENCES OF OPINION BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES OVER MAJOR ISSUES, WHICH HE HOPED WE COULD CONTINUE TO DISCUSS CALMLY. THUS, TANZANIAN WOULD CONTINUE TO PRESS ITS POSITIONS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA, RHODESIA (INCLUDING THE CHROME ISSUE), AND NAMIBIA, AND WOULD CONTINUE TO ASK FOR MORE AID.

5. ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE, NYERERE, WAXING PHILOSOPHICAL, LAUNCHED INTO A LONG DISCOURSE ON THE INEVITABILITY OF CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE RICH NATIONS AND THE POOR NATIONS. HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT FORM THIS CONFRONTATION WOULD TAKE, BUT ITS BASIC CAUSE WOULD BE THE UNWILLINGNESS OF THE WEALTHY NATIONS TO ABANDON THEIR SEARCH FOR HIGHER STANDARDS OF LIVING. HE COULD NOT SEE THEIR LEADERS DOING THIS. THIS CONFRONTATION WAS QUITE DIFFERENT FROM THAT BETWEEN THE PROLETARIAT AND THE BOURGEOISIE PREDICTED BY MARX (QTE I AM NOT A MIXIST, UNQTE HE ASSERTED) AND HE HAD GOTTEN INTO ARGUMENTS WITH THE RUSSIANS ABOUT IT. THEY DIDN'T LIKE IT, HE SAID, WHEN HE CLASSIFIED THEM (THE RUSSIANS) AS BEING A BIT ON THE RICH SIDE OF THE EQUATION.

6. NYERERE CITED THE SCANDINAVIANS AS EXAMPLES OF COUNTRIES THAT DISPLAYED THE QTE NEW ATTITUDE UNQTE THAT WOULD BE REQUIRED IF CONFRONTATION WAS TO BE AVERTED. HE TOLD ANECDOTE OF HOW NORWEGIAN PRIME MINISTER, DURING RECENT VISIT TO TANZANIA, HAD TOLD HIM THAT NORWAY WAS ABOUT TO BECOME A RATHER WEALTHY NATION BECAUSE OF ITS NEWLY FOUND OIL, AND HOW HE, THE PRIME MINISTER, SOUGHT TO EDUCATE THE NORWEGIAN PEOPLE INTO ACCEPTING THAT THIS NEW WEALTH MUST BE GIVEN AWAY TO OTHERS FOR FEAR OF DISRUPTING THE NORWEGIAN WAY OF LIFE THROUGH INCREASED CONSUMPTION.

7. I SAID I THOUGHT THERE WERE NEW ATTITUDES APPEARING IN THE UNITED STATES, AND THAT PEOPLE WERE INCREASINGLY VALUING THE QUALITY OF LIFE OVER QUANTITY OF POSSESSIONS.

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8. NYERERE AGREED THAT THERE WAS A MINORITY IN AMERICA SPEAKING OF THE QUALITY OF LIFE. THIS WAS THE TRUE VANGUARD. THE KREMLIN, HE ADDED, WAS NOT IN THIS VANGUARD: QTE THEY WANT MORE CARS. UNQTE

9. NYERERE NOTED THAT THE OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES WERE NOT DISPLAYING THE QTE NEW ATTITUDE UNQTE WHICH HE IS HOPING FOR. THEIR BEHAVIOR, HE SAID, QTE REALLY IS TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTA-

TION. UNQTE THE RECENT RISE IN OIL PRICES WAS GOING TO COST TANZANIA TEN MILLION DOLLARS, AND QTE I DON'T KNOW WHERE I'M GOING TO GET IT. UNQTE

10. THE PRESIDENT THOUGHT THAT THERE WAS AT LEAST SOME EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS TOWARDS THE CHANGE IN ATTITUDES HE SEEKS, AS REFLECTED IN THE UN SPECIAL SESSION. HE HAD SOUGHT TO FURTHER THIS END AT THE JAMAICA MEETING OF COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT, BUT IMPLIED THAT HE DID NOT THINK HE HAD MADE MUCH PROGRESS. HE NOTED THREE STEPS AS BEING NECESSARY: FIRST (AND EASIEST), THE RECOGNITION THAT THE GAP BETWEEN RICH AND POOR COUNTRIES WAS INTOLERABLE; SECOND (AND SOMEWHAT MORE DIFFICULT), DEVISING MEASURES TO CLOSE THAT GAP; AND THIRD (AND HARDEST OF ALL), FINDING THE WILL TO CARRY OUT THE MEASURES AGREED UPON.

11. COMMENT: THE PRESIDENT WAS IN FINE FORM, BUT SUGGESTED LITTLE THAT WAS NEW. HIS VIEWS ON THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SCENE REFLECT THE QTE FABIAN APPROACH UNQTE WHICH AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN HAS NOTED AMONG MANY ENGLISH-TRAINED THIRD-WORLD LEADERS; THE NOTION THAT THE WORLD'S WEALTH IS ESSENTIALLY A FIXED QUANTITY, AND THAT THEREFORE THE STANDARDS OF LIVING OF THE POOR COUNTRIES CAN ONLY BE INCREASED BY REDUCING THE STANDARDS OF LIVING OF THE RICH ONES, AND THAT THE ONLY WAY TO DEVELOP THE POOR COUNTRIES IS TO TRANSFER DIRECTLY TO THEM THE WEALTH OF THE RICH. HIS DOMESTIC ECONOMIC POLICIES OFTEN SEEMED BASED ON SIMILAR REASONING.
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